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Thomas C. Pauling
U.S. Department of Energy
Director of Operations
Office of Legacy Management
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Westminster, CO 80021

Re: Notification of Federal Natural Resource Trustee
Anaconda Aluminum Co Columbia Falls Reduction Plant Superfund Site, Flathead County, MT,
SSID #A8-82

Dear Mr. Pauling:

Pursuant to Section 104(b)(2) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9622(j)(1), this letter is intended to inform you of settlement negotiations concerning actions to be taken in response to a release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Anaconda Aluminum Co Columbia Falls Reduction Plant Site (Site), located in Flathead County, Montana. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will be negotiating a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study settlement agreement at the Site with two potentially responsible parties (PRPs). The Remedial Project Manager at this Site is Mike Cirian. Should you require further technical information about the Site, you may contact Mr. Cirian at 406-293-6194.

On June 9, 2015, the EPA sent general notice and demand letters to Columbia Falls Aluminum Company and Atlantic Richfield Company. The general notice and demand letters included an explanation of potential CERCLA liability, an invitation to the PRPs to voluntarily enter into a legally binding agreement to perform the remedial investigation and feasibility study, and a demand for reimbursement of costs. The EPA is planning to conduct settlement negotiations with the PRPs in hopes of reaching settlement in 2015.

If the Department of Energy, in its capacity as a Federal Natural Resource Trustee, has any natural resource damage claims to assert regarding this Site, please contact Mark Chalfant, Enforcement Attorney

for the EPA, at 303-312-6177. Any questions regarding this letter may be addressed to Scott Wilder, Enforcement Specialist, at 206-553-6693.

Sincerely,



Kelcey Land, Director
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